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SUBJECT: CU/ARTS STEVIE WONDER

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1. EMBASSY AND USIS WOULD OF COURSE BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE A PERFORMER OF WONDER'S CALIBRE AND REPUTATION PERFORM IN ABIDJAN. HOWEVER, ARRANGEMENTS HERE FOR A GROUP OF THIS SIZE AND A PERFORMER OF THIS LEVEL WOULD PROBABLY BE BEYOND OUR CAPABILITIES. PREVIOUS PROGRAMS OF THIS NATURE AND IMPORTANCE IN ABIDJAN HAVE INEVITABLY BEEN ORGANIZED AND ARRANGED BY PROFESSIONALS FROM OUTSIDE IVORY COAST, IN MANY INSTANCES HIRED BY THE PERFORMER HIMSELF.

2. EMBASSY NOT AWARE OF ANY LOCAL PROMOTOR OR IMPRESARIO CAPABLE OF ASSUMING ALL RESPONSIBILITIES IMPLICIT IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL. IN ORDER BETTER TO EVALUATE POSSIBILITY OF POST ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR WONDER VISIT, WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF FOLLOWING ITEMS:

A) WOULD LOCAL SPONSOR BE EXPECTED COVER EXPENSES MENTIONED PARA 5 FOR ENTIRE ENTOURAGE, INCLUDING PRESS CONTINGENT?

B) DOES GROUP EXPECT PROVIDE OWN CHARTERED PLANE? (IN PREVIOUS SIMILAR PROGRAM - INVOLVING ONLY 8 PEOPLE - (GUY WELLS BLUES BAND) POST ENCOUNTERED SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES SHIPPING MUSIC, SOUND EQUIPMENT BY REGULAR AIRLINES).

C) IS GROUP PREPARED FURNISH OWN INTERPRETER
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SERVICES? (FLUENT FRENCH INDISPENSABLE).

D) REQUEST PRECISE FIGURES "REASONABLE PERFORMANCE
FEE" MENTIONED PARA 5 REFTEL.

E) POWER SUPPLY HERE IS 220 VOLT, 50 CYCLE. ASSUME
TECHNICAL CREWS FULL FAMILIAR AND EQUIPPED WORK THEREWITH.

3. BASED ON ANSWERS TO ABOVE WE WILL BE ABLE BETTER
TO ESTIMATE FEASIBILITY OF OUR SUPPORTING WONDER
PERFORMANCE IN ABIDJAN.
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